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S.A.P.D. OFFICER INDICTED ON DRUG CHARGES

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that a federal grand jury has indicted San Antonio police officer Joseph Anthony Evans for conspiring to distribute methamphetamine and allowing his residence to be used to facilitate drug distribution activities.

In all, Evans is charged with one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of methamphetamine; possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine; and, maintaining a residence used to facilitate drug trafficking.

Upon conviction of the conspiracy charge, Evans faces between ten years and life in federal prison. Evans is currently being held without bond pending a detention hearing scheduled for May 22, 2006.

Last month, Evans' live-in girlfriend, Katherine Stacy Sanchez, was indicted by a federal grand jury with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Upon conviction, she faces between five and 40 years in federal prison.

This case was investigated by the San Antonio Police Department Narcotics Unit. Assistant United States Attorney Priscilla Garcia is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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